

INSTRUCTIONPurposes and ObjectivesA. Purpose

To preserve the ideals upon which our country was founded and to which we are currently dedicated it is necessary to maintain a public school system that is democratic in principle, respectful of the diversity of its community, and functional in developing worthy members of our society.

B. Objectives

The Stafford County Public Schools shall provide the following opportunities for students:

1. To develop career readiness skills that will enable them to earn their own living;
2. To equip themselves for effective citizenship in a democratic society;
3. To follow a sequence of subjects and activities that will equip them, according to their individual abilities, achievements and goals, for further training or for entering the world upon graduation from high school;
4. To develop character attitudes and ideals consistent with the American way of life;
5. To develop the skills necessary for intelligent, sustained participation in the democratic process. These skills include a thorough understanding of the ideas of sovereignty, freedom, liberty, equality, and justice as well as a thorough understanding of the content and meaning of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.
6. To develop the essential knowledge and skills necessary for success in our increasingly complex and rapidly changing society.

INSTRUCTIONPurposes and Objectives (continued)**C. Shared Responsibilities**

The Stafford County Public Schools shall work cooperatively with all agencies concerned with the training and development of children and youth. However, the public schools do not accept primary responsibility for those aspects of growth, development and training that are traditionally assigned to and may be better served by the home, house of worship and the community.

D. Standards of Quality

The Standards of Quality adopted by the State Board of Education and enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia shall supplement the purposes and objectives of the Stafford County Public Schools. They shall be viewed as minimum objectives that the board shall strive to meet.

E. School Philosophy and Objectives

Each Stafford County school shall have current written statements of philosophy and objectives which complement established school board philosophy and objectives and shall serve as the basis for all school policies and practices.

Legal Reference: Through June 30, 1999

Code of Va., §22.1-253.13:1. Standard 1. Basic skills, selected programs, and instructional personnel. --

"A. The General Assembly and the Board of Education believe that the fundamental goal of the public schools of this Commonwealth must be to enable each student to develop the skills that are necessary for success in school and preparation for life, and find that the quality of education is dependent upon the provision of the appropriate working environment, benefits, and salaries necessary to ensure the availability of high quality instructional personnel and adequate commitment of other resources. ...(1998)

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